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Spc. Monica Smith

CAB holds Career Day - Staff Sgt. Vernon McNabb, a crew chief and standardization instructor with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, helps a student try on his flight gear during Military Career Day at the Beaufort-Jasper County Academy for Career Excellence, Oct. 2. See story on Page 13A.

Survivors outreach program unveiled

Rob McIlvaine
FMWRC Public Affairs

In the spirit of the Army Family Covenant, the U.S. Army unveiled their plan for Survivor Outreach Services which will affect Soldiers and Families at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield and across the nation.

The announcement was made Oct. 6 at the Association of the United States Army Conference with the Family forum entitled "Army Family

Covenant, A Year in Review."

Survivor Outreach Services is a joint effort between the Installation Management Command, the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command and the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operation Center.

"We are dedicated to supporting Survivors, and letting them know that the Army will not forget them," said Lt. Col. Betsy Graham, Chief, Long Term Family Case Management Branch.

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More than 100 3rd ID Sergeants First Class selected for promotion

Special to the Frontline

More than 100 sergeants first class in the 3rd Infantry Division were selected for promotion to next highest rank of master sergeant.

The Department of the Army released a comprehensive list of 3,459 names Oct. 2, and 112 of those Soldiers are Dog Face Soldiers who will gain increased responsibility based on their previous job performance.

Board members met Aug. 5-25 to select skilled senior noncommissioned officers to lead Soldiers and advises senior officers on matters relating to their field.

Master sergeants primarily serve as the principal noncommissioned officers in staff elements at battalion and higher levels. They make up 2.6 percent

of the total Army.

Below are the names of Soldiers selected for promotion from the 3rd Infantry Division:

Crawford, Harley C.	1BCT
Scott, Randall K.	1BCT
Williams, Silas	1BCT
Bryant, Edward J.	1BCT
Chrysler, Timothy J.	1BCT
Pisciotta, Robert W.	1BCT
Plyler, Shawn E.	1BCT
Claridy, Stan R.	1BCT
English, Josline R.	1BCT
Gardner, Robert M.	1BCT
Hayes, Kenneth C.	1BCT
Lachance, Nicholas	1BCT
Smith, David E.	1BCT
Walker, Frederick	1BCT
Houston, Donald	1BCT
Johnson, Compton I.	1BCT
Black, Don D.	1BCT

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Plans underway for FSBI start date 4 Qtr FY 2009

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

The First Sergeants Barracks Initiative will be fully implemented by the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2009, according to Department of Public Works housing chief and FSBI task force team leader, Christopher Curry. At that time, single Soldier housing will be managed and maintained just like married Soldier housing, which will allow unit commanders to focus on their mission while holding single Soldiers responsible for their room and furnishings.

In order to meet that timeline, Curry said FSBI

processes and procedures would have to be ready for approval by the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, Col. Todd Buchs the 2nd quarter FY 09.

In order to meet that deadline, draft copies of FSBI processes and procedures will have to be ready for review by the task force at its next meeting, Oct. 16 with completed copies of FSBI processes and procedures ready for final review at its Nov. 24 meeting.

Additionally, four key effects strategies will have to be met by the 4th quarter FY 09, including hiring and training the FSBI staff, gaining and maintaining

the confidence of single Soldiers and unit leaders, gaining and maintaining the resources needed to fund and operate FSBI and successful transitioning to FSBI. During their Oct. 2 task force meeting, Curry noted that only five of the 36 approved FSBI staff positions have been filled. He recommends former Soldiers and Soldiers pending separation who are interested in these positions to watch for job posting on the Army's civilian personnel Web site, cpol.army.mil.

Also discussed were the tasks necessary to satisfy specific barracks issues noted in the second effects strategy.

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Charges made in Soldiers' deaths

Special to the Frontline

A 3rd Infantry Division Soldier was officially charged Oct. 2 in the death of two 3rd ID Soldiers who died Sept. 14, in Tunnis, Iraq.

Sgt. Joseph Bozicevich, 39, of Minneapolis, Minn. was charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of Staff Sgt. Darris J. Dawson and Sgt. Wesley R. Durbin. All three Soldiers were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd ID.

"Sgt. Bozicevich is currently in pre-trial confinement in the local area," said Col. Terry Ferrell, 3rd ID chief of staff. "I want to emphasize that throughout the military justice process, Sgt. Bozicevich is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty of the charges against him."

The next step in the military justice process is an Article 32 pretrial hearing. It is comparable to a civilian preliminary hearing or grand jury, where an investigating officer will hear evidence and make findings and recommenda-

tions concerning the charges. Although a date has not been set for the hearing, it is open for public viewing.

The 3rd ID will honor the two fallen warriors with a tree dedication ceremony at Fort Stewart's Warriors Walk, Oct. 16 at 9:30 a.m. Both Staff Sgt. Dawson and Sgt. Durbin's families have been invited to attend the ceremony.

"Staff Sgt. Dawson and Sgt. Durbin were perfect illustrations of selfless service and were dedicated to our country's mission," said Col. Thomas James, 4th BCT commander. "Both will be sorely missed by the entire team."

Maj. Gen. Tony Cucolo, 3rd ID commander, attended Dawson's funeral, Sept. 25 in Pensacola, Fla., while Brig. Gen. Patrick Donahue, 3rd ID Deputy Commanding General - Maneuver, attended Durbin's funeral Sept. 23 in Hurst, Texas.

Sgt. Bozicevich has served three years on active duty, 15 years in the Army Reserves, been assigned to Fort Stewart for 27 months and was on his second combat deployment.



Shoot n scoot!

1BCT holds stress fire training - Staff Sgt. Angel Garcia Jr., Bravo Company 3rd Battalion 69th Armor Division pulls a litter in front of Soldiers of Bravo Company during the physical stress portion of the stress shoot training at the Sniper Range, Wednesday.

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CG extends thanks, encouragment for safe Columbus Day weekend

Special to the Frontline

Congratulations to each of you for making our 100 Days of Summer Safety Campaign a great success!

The planning, preparation, execution of this campaign paid great dividends throughout the summer. Your efforts produced one of the safest summer periods in recent history.

The 3rd Infantry Division and Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield/Kelley Hill Columbus Day holiday weekend, Oct. 10 - 13 is the first long weekend of the fall season.

As is common with long weekend/holiday periods, many of our Families will once again take to the roads and highways to visit friends and Family.

Keep in mind as we approach this Columbus Day weekend, weather conditions are beginning to change, and seasonal driving conditions create new challenges.

Long distance travel often equates to another adverse driving condition - fatigue. The combination of these hazards can unfortunately be deadly.

Prior to releasing your Soldiers for the long holiday weekend, leaders will brief their Soldiers on accident prevention measures.

Ensure Soldiers develop a rest plan for long trips, which includes the following: adequate rest before trips (eight hours of sleep); drive with a battle buddy; schedule regular stops every 100 miles or two hours; avoid alcohol and medications that could impair performance.

Additionally, I challenge leaders to check their Soldiers for signs of depression or loneliness, especially during the upcoming holidays.

Identify high risk Soldiers using the Soldier Risk Index found on the Division Safety Web page, and talk to them, engage them, and allow them to get help if they need it.

I want each of you to enjoy this time off with your Family and friends, so please make the right choices to ensure this will be a safe weekend.

Rock of the Marne!

TONY A. CUCOLO III
Major General, US Army
Commanding

Marne safety provided for Columbus Day weekend

Special to the Frontline

Educate soldiers on the need for highway safety and ensure the following areas are completed prior to Holiday travel:

- The TRIPS privately owned vehicle Risk Assessment - <https://crc.army.mil>. Leaders must review and council their Soldiers on all high risk areas.

- Motorcycle operators must possess a valid operator's license or permit and have completed a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course, whether riding on or off post, on or off duty.

- Conduct thorough vehicle and motorcycle inspections, in accordance with IAW FS 385-18.

It only takes one drink to ruin a life. Use a designated driver, call for a ride, or take a taxi if you're going to be drinking.

Remember that aggressive drivers kill 2 to 4 times more people than drunk drivers. There are 3 categories of impaired emotions that are associated with aggressive driving: impatience & inattentiveness; power struggle; recklessness & road rage.

Discuss the overall need for increased alertness during this high accident exposure period. Stress defensive driving techniques that can nullify other drivers' mistakes.

Always use safety belts and

make sure your passengers do likewise.

Ensure children are properly secured with seat belts or placed in car seats. Motorcycle operators must wear protective clothing and equipment.

Avoid driving while fatigued. Develop a rest plan for long trips, which includes the following:

Adequate rest before trips (eight hours of sleep); drive with a companion; schedule regular stops every 100 miles or two hours; avoid alcohol and medications that could impair performance.

Stack the odds in your favor, when the weather is bad, slow down.

Avoid accidents and injuries from other outdoor activities.

Remember the rules of drinking and driving apply to all boats and watercraft.

Always use personal flotation devices when boating and water skiing.

Prevent heat injuries; drink water even if you are not thirsty.

Encourage personnel to make maximum use of on-post recreational facilities, thereby reducing the unusual risks inherent in highway travel during the Columbus Day weekend.

Remember, leaders play the most critical role in accident prevention.

CSM Hill visit Kalsu



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michel Sauret

Soldiers tasked to 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division wait to receive a coin from Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill, Multi-National Force-Iraq command sergeant major, after a lunch they shared at the Forward Operating Base Kalsu dining facility, Sept. 24. Hill recognized the efforts of the whole Vanguard team to accomplish the mission, but said the coin is for those MVP Soldiers who step up in their roles in getting the job done.

Moments in Marne History: Soldier continues Marne tradition

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

Capt. Oscar Titus Blasingame, legal assistance officer, recently completed a reserve mobilization tour with 3rd Infantry Division's Staff Judge Advocate, but his connection with 3rd Inf. Div. goes back several generations.

His father was briefly assigned to the 3rd ID near the end of the Korean War but was reassigned to Germany. His great uncle Gilbert G. Titus served with the 3rd ID during World War I, but more notably, Blasingame's grandfather Richard J. Titus also served with the 3rd ID during War World I.

"My grandfather rarely spoke about his experiences in [World War I]," said Blasingame, who explained what he knew of his grandfather's duties during the war. "He served on the front lines as a combat engineer in Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Muese-Argonne. [His] primary duties included constructing and maintaining the trench systems. And he was frequently assigned to go out into "no-man's land" for reconnaissance and to erect barbed wire."



Blasingame's grandfather Richard J. Titus served with the 3rd ID during War World I.

Blasingame said that when his grandfather enlisted in 1917, several high school buddies from their small town in Walkill, N.Y. joined the Army with him.

Many of his friends did not return home, which Blasingame believes is why his grandfather said so little about his experiences during the war.

Titus received his basic training at Fort Greene, N.C. and was assigned to the 6th Combat Engineer Regiment, 3rd ID.

After the war, he continued to serve in France, participating in the Inter-Allied Olympic Games in 1919, which included track and field, swimming and marksmanship.

Titus won gold, silver and bronze medals for the U.S. in marksmanship, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Marksmanship Badge.

Titus returned home in 1921 and began working for the Singer Sewing Machine Company then he started a 40-year career with Sears, Roebuck and Co.

While Blasingame was a child, his grandfather came to live with his Family. Because Blasingame's father, an assistant U.S. attorney in the middle district of Florida traveled a lot, he said his grandfather helped raise him.

"He was one of my heroes when I was child," Blasingame said, describing his close relationship with his grandfather. "It was because of his service that I specifically requested to serve with the 3rd ID."

Blasingame earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and his law degree from Stetson University.

He began his own general law practice, working mostly in real estate and business law. Then his desire to support the War on Terrorism led him to volunteer



Photo by Randy Murray

Capt. Oscar Titus Blasingame, legal assistance officer, recently completed a reserve mobilization tour with 3rd Infantry Division's Staff Judge Advocate, but his connection with 3rd Inf. Div. goes back generations.

for the Army Reserves.

He began his active duty training in July 2007, first completing 11 weeks initial training then a lengthy study of military law. In April of this year, he was assigned as a legal assistance officer with 3rd ID.

"As a legal assistance officer, you represent the Soldier as your client," Blasingame said. "We form an attorney-client relationship with the Soldier."

He said he really enjoyed working with and helping Soldiers and their Families with a variety of legal issues, from Family law to divorce or adoption.

"To me, that's the most important job - to represent the Soldiers, to help them by taking care of all the legal paperwork and give them legal counseling," he said, noting that even though military legal assistance officers cannot represent Soldiers in a civilian court, they can help get them to civilian legal counsel.

Although his mobilization ended in September, Blasingame said he may try to mobilize with another reserve unit.

He also said he looks forward to some day being assigned back to the 3rd ID.



Photo by Angie Dorliech

Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., march in a parade, Sept. 26 at the Duluth (Ga.) Fall Festival.

2/69 Soldiers attend Fall Festival

Sgt. Natalie Rostek
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division were among the honored guests at the annual fall festival in Duluth, Ga., Sept. 27-28. Eighty-two “Panther” Soldiers traveled from Fort Benning to the festival to partake in various activities. including a parade, a concert, and several community sponsored events. “The support during this festival was amazing,” said Maj. Chris McKinney, the battalion’s executive officer and Honorary Grand Marshal of the festival. “This community really lays out the red carpet for our Soldiers.”

Many of the attending Soldiers also expressed their appreciation for the support of the community, not just during the festival but over the past five years. “The history behind the relationship between the community of Duluth and the 2/69 Armor dates back to 2003 when we adopted the unit,” explained Angie Doerlich, military chairperson for the festival. Doerlich said the “adoption” took place though a former 2/69 Armor Soldier serving as an Army recruiter in Duluth. Initially, Doerlich, who is a member of the Duluth First United Methodist Church, received the names of 31 unit Soldiers whose Families needed extra support during the unit’s 2003 deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since then the community has

kept in constant contact with Soldiers and Family Members of the Panther battalion providing them with items such as canned goods and turkeys for Thanksgiving and bicycles and helmets during Christmas. Duluth residents and supporters have also sent items to unit Soldiers serving overseas. Following their initial deployment to Iraq during 2003, Soldiers of the 2/69 Armor deployed back to Iraq in 2005 and 2007. “Over 3,000 packages were sent by this community while 2/69 Armor was deployed,” McKinney said. “I have never seen support at this level come out of any one community in my 13-year Army career. They are one of the most patriotic communities I have ever seen.” To show their appreciation, Soldiers of the 2/69 Armor gave over 15 Certificates of Appreciation to members of the community. They also gave various Panther memorabilia to the various donors and festival committee staff and volunteers. “This means a lot to me and I plan to keep it going as long as possible,” Doerlich said. “The 2/69 Armor is like my extended Family.” Doerlich and other supporters are currently supporting many military units and have created a Web site, providing information about their cause. To find out how you can support today’s military go to www.hugsforsoldiers.org. You can also contact Doerlich by calling 404-316-8183 or by emailing her at ANDoerlich@aol.com.



Photo by 1st Lt. Bryant Hunt

Sgt. Maj. Richard Hairston, senior noncommissioned officer of operations for the 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., hands Angie Doerlich, Duluth (Ga.) First United Methodist Church, a battalion coin, Sept. 26 during a ceremony at the Duluth Fall Festival. Doerlich served as the military chairperson for the festival.



Photo by 1st Lt. Bryant Hunt

Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt. salute as a Duluth, Ga. resident sings the national anthem, Sept. 26 during a ceremony at the Duluth Fall Festival.

Photo by Angie Dorliech

Below: Maj. Chris McKinney, executive officer of the 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., sits with his family as members of the Duluth, Ga. community serve as drivers of his “float” in the Duluth Fall Festival parade, Sept. 26. McKinney was the Honorary Grand Marshal of the festival.



Barracks Life: The power of voting

Spc. Dustin Gautney
2nd BCT Public Affairs

As Soldiers we fight to defend our country, as well as protect democracy, and the rights of the people of this great country. However, many young Soldiers do not actively participate in democracy's most coveted right - the right to vote.

Whether you are married or single there is a trend for younger Soldiers to not exercise their right to vote.

It was not until recently that I have delved into the world of politics. I can remember as a young U.S. Marine, I never bothered worrying about elections, or how it might affect me. Now having grown up some, and having served six years, I have discovered how

naive my opinion on voting and politics in general was.

For a lot of young Soldiers, this may seem like an issue that does not involve you; however, the power of voting is at the very heart of being a Soldier. Voting gives Soldiers the power to shape the country that they defend.

Voting can be very simple for a Soldier, even though you might not be currently stationed in your home state. Soldiers can simple contact their units voting assistance officer, as well as placing their vote via an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are due the week preceding any election.



Being in the military many issues that do not directly affect much of the populace of this country, greatly affects the service member. From basic military pay and benefits to deployments and foreign policy. The power in your vote decides the future of this country.

Now many will tell you that your vote does not count because of the Electoral College, that because of the district your vote is cast in it will not be heard. This is where not just voting for presidential candidates yields

the greatest power. Casting your vote for local officials gives the most bang for your buck. Unlike many things in life, the election process trickles upward, from voting for local officials such as mayors to governors, all the way to congressmen and senators. This ultimately creates and shapes this country more than a single election, and in essence is what democracy is about.

For me personally, I do not see how a young Soldier can blindly let others choose the fate of this country without making their voice heard. Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, a third party, or are undecided, as a Soldier, sworn to defend this country and protect democracy, it should be part of your duty to vote.

Fire Prevention Week focuses on prevention

Special to the Frontline

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield community members are reminded that Oct. 5-11 is National Fire Prevention Week.

The National Volunteer Fire Council and Fire Corps have teamed up to promote fire prevention and safety. The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Prevent Home Fires," with a focus on the leading causes of home fires - cooking, heating, electrical, and smoking materials.

With nearly 75 percent of building fires and two-thirds of fire deaths occurring in the home, the NVFC and Fire Corps provide the following fire prevention and safety tips to help to keep everyone educated. Share these tips with your Families, neighbors, and communities and keep the messages of fire prevention active all year long.

Cooking Fire Safety Tips

The majority of home fires start in the kitchen. The NVFC and Fire Corps offer

these tips to make your kitchen a safe one.

Do not wear loose fitting clothing when cooking, as they are easy targets to catch on fire.

Always turn pan handles in to prevent food spills.

Make sure that you keep pot holders and towels away from the stove.

Replace any old or frayed electrical cords on your appliances.

Never leave your cooking unattended.

If a fire should occur on the stove, slide a pan lid over the flames and then turn off the heat.

If a fire should occur in the oven, keep the oven door closed and turn off the heat to smother the fire.

Always keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. Make sure it is kept in an accessible place away from the stove and oven.

If the fire does not go out quickly, use your escape plan and call the fire department immediately.

For more tips and resources, visit www.firecorps.org/firepreventionweek. Together, we can all make a difference.



Shalonda Rountree

Local Boy Scouts assist with cemetery clean-up during the Sept. 27 National Public Lands Day event at Taylors Creek and Pleasant Grove Cemeteries hosted by the DPW Environmental Division.

Volunteers lend a hand at Stewart cemeteries

Shalonda Rountree
DPW Public Affairs

Few people are willing to give up a day of relaxation, running errands, or spending time with Family often reserved for a weekend, but Chad and Lori Williard did just that.

"This is an opportunity to spend time with my son, and show him the importance of volunteering your time to such a worthwhile effort," Chad Williard said, while rinsing a gravemarker.

On Saturday, the DPW Environmental Division hosted a National Public Lands Day event at Taylors Creek and Pleasant Grove Cemeteries.

A group of approximately 55 volunteers representing local Boy Scout Troop 461 (Flemington), Boy Scout Troop 454 (Fort Stewart), Girl Scout Troop 7461, Trinity Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church (Hinesville), Taylors

Creek Cemetery Association, DPW Environmental Division employees and a few non-affiliated individuals participated in this observance.

The arduous task of cleaning headstones and markers is a necessary but often forgotten component of cemetery maintenance.

The inscriptions on some stones, many over a 100 years old, had faded due to weathering and time.

Volunteers were given concise instructions and provided with proper cleaning materials in order to protect and continue preserving the stones for future generations.

For some of the volunteers, the cemetery cleaning hits close to home.

One such individual was Wyman May. While cleansing headstones at the Taylors Creek Cemetery, May told stories of his ancestry and history of the Taylors Creek Community, his former home.

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Halloween Safety Tips

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield official trick or treat times are designated as 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground
- Shoes should fit (even if not matching)
- Only go to well lit houses
- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run
- Stay on sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Do not pet animals you are not familiar with
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.

Installation Safety Office, 767-7880

Marne Voices Speak Out What do you think of the changes at Newman?

"They've made some major improvements since the last time I was here."

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Anderson
1/74th Inf., Fort Drum

"The gym is really clean and everything is really well organized."

Benjamin Campbell
Youth Services

"This is a very good gym. Everyone really likes the boxing room and indoor pool."

Pfc. Nathan Templon
D Co., 2/7 Inf.

"The gym is awesome. It has everything a Soldier could need and it is free."

Staff Sgt. Nicole Christian
A Co., WTU Cadre

"The Gym is much bigger and nicer now."

Jenny Poole
Family member

"The gym is much more convenient now."

Denise Williams
Spouse

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Veterans' Corner

-Still serving



Learn about Society of the Third Infantry Division

Spc. Amanda McBride
4th BCT Public Affairs

For veterans, Soldiers and Family Members who have served in the 3rd Infantry Division, here is some information on a society that strives to keep the Marne history alive, even after serving.

Soldiers past and present and their Families are eligible to join the Society of the Third Infantry Division, which provides opportunities and services in uniting past, present and future members of the 3rd ID in a national program dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of the Marne Division's traditions and history.

According to the society's Web site, www.warfoto.com/3rdiv.htm, the society is one of the oldest continuous military societies in America, going back to 1919 and currently has more than 3500 members.

Veterans and active duty members with honorable service in regular Army service, supporting, or attached units of the 3rd ID are eligible for membership.

Eligibility for associate membership are spouses, parents, children or siblings of any person eligible for regular membership, and any person with a special interest in the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

The Society also supports Soldiers on active duty status in Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield and Kelley Hill by sending letters and boxes and helping take care of their Families when deployed.

When you join the Society, you will receive a roster of members who all have a connection to the Marne Division, and you will also receive notifications of things that are being held and happening on Fort Stewart.

Anyone interested in the Society can also look at the Web page and view all of the Marne Soldiers throughout history of the division that made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting freedom.

A collection of photos from wars that Soldiers from the Marne Division have fought in, from the World War II all the way to Operation Iraqi Freedom V are showcased on the Web site, available for anyone to see.

Marne Soldiers are also spotlighted for their coura-

geous actions while at home and at war in features on the Web site.

Also available is the Watch on the Rhine, which is the official publication of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, which is published bimonthly. It is available on printed hardcopies and posted on the Society Web page.

The Watch on the Rhine and the Marne Society are some of the different branches and services offered by the Society.

The Marne Society, represented at Fort Stewart by former installation Command Sgt. Maj. Carl Smith continues to help the community and the Wounded Warriors by holding functions that support Soldiers.

Smith, now the Deputy Housing Chief for Fort Stewart, also continues helping Soldiers with his latest effort in improving barracks.

To view more on the Society of the Third Infantry Division Web page or to learn information on membership go their Web page at www.3rdiv.org.

For more information on the Fort Stewart Barracks Initiative see story on page 4A.

Former 3rd ID veterans celebrate 50th Anniversary

Gail Aldridge
Public Affairs Specialist

Echo Battery, 10th Field Artillery, held their anniversary reunion in Savannah, Sept. 14-16 to celebrate their 50th year of sailing the calm North Atlantic aboard the General Randell in Gyroscope mode, Savannah to Bremerhaven, with a final destination of Schweinfurt, Germany.

Thirteen of the Soldiers from this unit and five of their spouses toured Warrior's Walk and the main post chapel, followed by lunch in what they still refer to as the mess hall.

They were pleased to take home some 3rd ID souvenirs (coffee

mugs and tee shirts) with the Marne Patch logo.

"The day made us proud to be old Cold War Soldiers and especially proud of the men and women who continue to serve our country," said Charles Stewart. Stewart donated his Army uniform bearing the Marne Patch and his private first class rank to the Fort Stewart Museum during their visit.

Stewart resides in Point Pleasant, N.J.

Don McAfee added, "This walk down memory lane and visit with today's 3rd ID Soldiers have been the highlight of our reunion in the Savannah area."

McAfee and wife Sue reside in Roswell, Ga.



Gail Aldridge

Thirteen 3rd ID Soldiers who served in Germany (1958-1959) and five of their spouses, pose for a group photograph at the Fort Stewart main post chapel. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bryan J. Walker and chaplain assistant Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mitchem joined the group in the activity center section of the chapel to commemorate their visit.

Local DVA holds fund raiser

Hinesville's Disabled Veterans, Chapter 46 will hold a hamburger cookout 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 18 at 110A Bagley St. in Hinesville. The general public is invited to help support the effort.

The event is scheduled to have administrative assistants on-hand to conduct workshops on filing claims and resume writing.

The event is free; however, small donations will be accepted.

Keep hold of helpful VA phone numbers

All Veterans and retirees should be aware of their benefits through Veterans Affairs and who to contact for various services. On Fort Stewart, your initial contact is the Department of Veterans Affairs military service coordinators Richard Banks and Daniel Reeves. They are available to help veterans with every issue from education benefits to health care; their phone number is 368-6950. For more information, use the following phone contacts:

VA Benefits 1-800-827-1000
Education 1-888-442-4551
Health Care 1-877-222-8387
Life Insurance 1-800-669-8477
Mental Health or referral services (Savannah Vet Center) 652-4097
Debt Management 1-800-827-0648
Mammography Hotline 1-888-492-7844
CHAMPVA 1-800-733-8387
VASuicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255
Tele. Devices for Deaf 1-800-829-4823

Fort Stewart /Hunter Army Airfield Briefs

Civilian employee fitness sign-up extended

Newman and Tominac Fitness Centers have extended sign-up for the Civilian Employee Fitness Program, which runs now through Dec. 11 from 3-4 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, at Fort Stewart's Newman Fitness Center, building 439; and Hunter Army Airfield's Tominac Fitness Center, building 919. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-3031 at Stewart or 315-2019 at Hunter.

Come to Trunk-or-Treat

Sponsored by community mayors and Army Community Services, Trunk-or-Treating will be held 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31 at Newman Field at Fort Stewart and the Hunter Club parking Lot. Hand your candy out from the trunk of your car instead of your home for a safe, fun and friendly experience. Advanced registration required and forms turned in by Oct. 24. Prizes will be awarded for best adult and child costume, and decorated vehicle. For more information, call ACS at 767-5058 at Stewart, or 315-6816 at Hunter. In addition, the Marne-tron is scheduled to show The Nightmare before Christmas at Cottrell Field 5-9 p.m. on a continuous loop. For more information or to register your vehicle, call Army Community Services at 767-5088.

Seasonal hours set for Corkan facilities

Fall and winter operating hours went into effect at Corkan Family Recreation Area facilities and will continue until May 29. The new, seasonal hours include:

- *Stewart Lanes*, building 450 - Monday through Thursday, Sunday and holidays, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday,
- *Corkan Family Fun Center*, building 449 - 3 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 3 to 11 p.m. each Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. each Sunday and holidays
- *Cypress Sam's Treehouse*, building 449 - 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. each Monday through Sunday.
- *Cypress Creek Adventure Golf* - 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

Dining facility change serving hours

Third Infantry Division, installation dining facilities will change serving hours for Thursdays to support Sergeants' Time training and adjust weekend serving hours to support brunch and supper meals. New serving hours starts today or as required upon re-opening of respective dining. The new DFAC hours and the effected days are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

- Breakfast, 6:30 - 9 a.m.
- Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.

Thursday

- Breakfast, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Lunch, noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Dinner, 4-5:30 p.m.

Weekends & holidays change

- Brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
- Supper, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Join teen-after-school program

Registration is under way for the middle school/teen- after-school programs at Fort Stewart, Building 7338 and Hunter Army Airfield, Building 1289 youth centers. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. For more details, call 767-4491 at Stewart or 315-5708 Hunter.

Before-after-school program announced

Registration is under way for School Age Services before and after school program at Fort Stewart, building 6571 and Hunter Army Airfield, building 1289. The program is available for children entering the first through fifth grade. Open at 6 a.m. until the school bus picks children up and returns children, then it closes at 6 p.m. Fees are based on Family income. For more details, call 767-2312 at Stewart or 315-5708 at Hunter.

Special Forces briefings held

Briefings are held noon, 2 and 5 p.m., every Wednesday at Special Forces recruiting office, building 160, Garry Owen St. or at Hunter Army Airfield every Tuesday, noon and 1 p.m. at the Hunter Education Center, room 25. Physical training tests are given 7 a.m. every Friday at Donovan Parade Field. The uniform is the Army Combat Uniform and running shoes. For more information, call 767-1400.

Support for RAB sought

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield is conducting a community interest survey to determine whether a Restoration Advisory Board would be supported by the local communities. If you are interested in completing the survey, have any specific questions about the survey or need more information concerning environmental investigations and cleanup activities at Stewart-Hunter, please contact Algeana Stevenson at 315-5144 or via e-mail at algeana.stevenson@us.army.mil.

Stewart

Watch for traffic delays

Due to the 56th Infantry Brigade Combat Team mission rehearsal exercises taking place now through Oct. 28, motorist can expect heavier traffic than normal. Expect slow moving tactical vehicles, convoys and commercial trucks. Please use caution and obey all posted speed limits. Please pay close attention while travelling on GA Highways 144E, 144W, and GA Highway 119.

WRESP accepting patients

The Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program is now open at Winn Army Community Hospital. This laser eye surgery is available to active-duty Soldiers who have 18 months remaining on active-duty at time

of surgery. Family Members and retirees are not authorized treatment under the WRESP program. Please go to the WRESP Center at Winn to pick up a packet. For more information, visit www.winn.amedd.army.mil or call 435-6633.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage

The Hispanic Heritage Club invites community members to enjoy folk music and dancing 2-6 p.m., Sunday at Woodruff Theater. Come hear the sound of Qrquesta con Clase and see performers as they demonstrate traditional dances in colorful costumes. For more information, call Mayra Smalls at 271-2989.

Mass Choir rehearsals announced

The Liberty County Community Mass Choir will rehearse at the Brewton-Parker auditorium in Hinesville, 7 p.m. each Tuesday. If you would like to sing with this choir, contact 977-5918 or email judith.forshee@us.army.mil; or call Ronald Calhoun at 786-5787 ext. 209.

Opportunities are available for the community chorus, soloist, ensemble and quartet. Come and join this great community fellowship. The season continues through Sept. 2009.

Hunter

Smart car care classes available

Visit Hunter Auto Crafts every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. to learn basic, do-it-yourself automotive techniques and safety tips. For more information, call 315-6244.

HSC golf classic scheduled

Don't miss the Oct. 17 golf tournament, sponsored by the Hunter Spouses' Club. The 8 a.m. shotgun start is followed by an all-American cookout and awards ceremony.

Proceeds will benefit the club's scholarship fund. For additional information, contact Erin Wallace at 308-0105 or EEK316@nc.rr.com.

Racquetball Tournament slated

Registration begins now through Oct. 15 for a single elimination racquetball tournament to be played at Tominac Fitness Center. For more information, call 315-2019 or email eli.wilson1@us.army.mil.

Recruit the recruiter briefings slated

Attention all non-commissioned officers, the recruiter team will brief all specialist through sergeants first class regarding benefits, challenges, and qualifications of recruiting duty.

The briefings will be 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Oct. 21; 10 a.m., Oct. 22; and 10 a.m., Oct. 23 at the Special Forces Office, building 160, Gary Owens Street on Fort Stewart.

In addition, the briefing will be held 1:30 p.m., Oct. 23 at the Hunter Education Center in room 1. For more information, call 1 (877) 465-9010 or visit online at www.usarec.army.mil.

CCMRF Soldiers remain war ready



Pfc. Jared Eastman
Staff Sgt. Angel Garcia Jr., Co. B, 3rd Bn. 69th Armor Regt., shoots from sparse cover during the stress shoot training at the Sniper Range, Wednesday.

Pfc. Jared Eastman
1st BCT Public Affairs

The clouds hover low over the range, the mist moving in across the grass, obscuring the silhouettes 400 meters away.

A single huff of breath followed by a blood curling yell signals that Capt. Jonas Anazagasty, Company B commander, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, has arrived at the Sniper Range after a grueling run in full “battle-rattle.”

He picks up his M4 and takes cover behind a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle and fires off three shots at nearby targets, the metal silhouettes ring out across the entire range.

Soldiers of Co. B, 3/69 Armor went through stress shoot training on base, Wednesday as part of their rifle marksmanship class.

“We’re doing a stress shoot, combined with some more unorthodox positions to simulate cover in combat like high-wall, low-wall, using a HMWWV for cover and elevated position at long range,” said Staff Sgt. Angel Garcia, Jr. “We are doing a culmination of about six weeks of rifle marksmanship that we’ve been working on,” said 1st Lt. David Dederich , also of Co. B. “With all these different positions that we are doing today,

it’s really just a test for each individual Soldier. We’re stressing them out, getting them a little tired. We’re doing a Marne standard run, then they come back up here drag a litter, then they are firing from all the kinds of positions they’ve been taught over the past six weeks. The training is basically to build confidence in these Soldiers and their abilities in the different positions they’ve been trained to do.”

“We’re doing this training now because we need to continuously hone our combat skills,” he continued.

“Just because we are doing a CCMRF mission ((Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, High-Yield Explosive) Consequence Management Response Force), doesn’t mean that we won’t ever get deployed elsewhere.”

“This training is very crucial for the Soldiers,” said Anazagasty. “Rifle marksmanship is extremely important because we are infantrymen and it’s our primary weapons system.

“This training that we are doing here today is important because it’s simulating a combat environment that these guys may encounter. We have them run, then go and engage multiple targets from multiple firing positions. This training brings together some of the

individual skills and ties it all together.

“It’s also important because it increases Soldiers’ confidence in each other and their weapons systems.”

Co. B Soldiers agreed.

“In a combat situation you’re getting out of a vehicle and running for cover and you are out of breath in 100 degree weather, and you still have to engage enemies,” said Spc. Christopher Dunscomb. “This is exactly that, it’s not as hot but it’s definitely smoking you.”

“Any time that you can simulate the environment that you’re going to be working in is the best opportunity for training,” said Anazagasty.

But the training had little to do with the CCMRF mission. “We won’t be engaging civilians during the CCMRF mission,” said Garcia.

“But this training helps us because you need to have that mental focus. This training allows a Soldier to still be able to do a job, any job, under physical duress.”

“We’re not going to be in the United States shooting over HMWWV’s and multi-target indexing,” said Dederich.

“This is purely a combat task. Though we are trained for CCMRF and ready to execute that mission, we still have to be ready and prepared to deploy in case of war.”

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For example, a certain number of rooms need to be set aside for emergency situations. Not only is space availability an issue, there are legal precedents that must be followed. Another issue of concern is unit integrity. Curry advised them that FSBI is expected to house Soldiers at the company level until all space is filled before considering barracks rooms within the battalion or brigade. A related concern talked about was a space analysis for each Soldier and his military equipment.

A final point of discussion was key control and room access. Task Force team member Doug Delzeith told the group that there were 227 cases of after hours “lock outs” reported as work orders by single Soldiers last month. These lock outs

required a maintenance representative to physically come to the barracks to unlock the Soldiers’ doors, with that representative getting paid a minimum of four hours overtime for each lock out. The need for established procedures for duplicate keys and room access custodians is evident, Curry said.

These procedures may include a FSBI barracks inspector on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, plus a unit key control custodian. For situations involving Soldiers living in separate barracks, the area building management team leader may have to have a master key or combination.

Curry said each of these issues will be studied in small groups by task leaders, who will discuss and work out a plan then develop procedures to address them.

Make a Movie – Save a Life

Terri Helus
U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala.– With the launch of the Peer to Peer Video Competition, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center hopes to harness the power of peer influence to help prevent accidents and save lives.

The competition tagline, “Make a movie – save a life,” challenges Soldiers to personalize safety messaging by creating short videos which promote off-duty safety awareness. The goal is to have Soldiers create safety messages that speak directly to their peers.

Entrants post their video on any social networking site and send a link to USACRC to submit their video for consideration. Videos should effectively convey ways to safely conduct off-duty activities and a humorous slant is encouraged.

“So much of what we accomplish in safety is considered boring by most,” said USACRC Command Sgt. Maj. Tod

Glidewell. “Today’s Soldier is tech savvy and digital communication literate. Peer to Peer allows Soldiers to use their creativity to communicate safety information they way they want to hear it.”

Peer to Peer puts safety into the hands of Soldiers and provides a venue to share tips, lessons learned and best practices. Most Soldiers have a favorite “There I was” story and the video medium will allow them to share the benefit of their experience with an Army-wide audience.

“The battle buddy mindset has kept many a Soldier from harm,” said Dr. Patricia Le Duc, director, Human Factors Task Force. “This competition capitalizes on the power of peer influence, and extends its reach exponentially through the Web.”

The contest runs through March 31, 2009 and is open to all military ID card holders, including Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers. Visit the Peer to Peer Video Competition Web page for promotional materials, official rules and a sample peer safety video.

OUTREACH

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“They will continue to be part of the Army Family for as long as they desire.”

Following the Chief of Staff of the Army’s opening remarks on the Army Family Covenant, a formal joint briefing on SOS was presented by Col. Carl Johnson, Chief, Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, and Delores Johnson, Family Programs Director at the Family and MWR Command.

“This Army program was largely developed based upon feedback we received from our survivors,” said Col. Johnson. “It is designed to ensure we take a more proactive approach to meeting the needs of survivors, while also helping others prepare in advance for the unexpected.”

By expanding and improving services to Families of the fallen, SOS will ensure a holistic and multi-agency approach by providing services at the installation level and across all components to reach Reserve Component and geographically dispersed Families.

Following the formal announcement, a working session will convene in Crystal City, bringing together eight surviving parents, 20 surviving spouses, and six non-governmental organizations, including the National Military Family Association, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Helping Unite Gold Star Survivors, God Star Wives, Soldier Angels, and Veteranscorp, Inc.

“Our objective for that meeting,” said Vickie LaFollette, FMWRC Chief of Army Family Enrichment, “is to listen to the Survivors’ concerns after presenting the gaps in service we’ve identified and our recommended solutions. Following the meeting,

we will present what we’ve learned to Army leadership.”

Survivor Outreach Services will provide additional staff at 33 casualty assistance centers Army-wide, training for casualty assistance officers, and specialized resources to help casualty assistance officers support Families of deceased Soldiers. Benefit specialists knowledgeable of all entitlements and special benefits available to survivors will be added to the Casualty Assistance Center staff. In addition, the Army will hire certified financial counselors to help Families address funeral and estate planning issues.

To ensure survivors receive ongoing support, SOS support coordinators will be available in the Army Community Service centers. These coordinators will provide long-term support throughout the grief process, coordinate support groups, provide information and referral services, coordinate child care as needed, and provide other services as required.

This holistic strategy will streamline and improve the overall process. To inform survivors of the change, CMAOC sent letters to all known survivors this fall.

“But the challenge remains,” said Lt. Col. Graham. “We’ve received approximately 20 percent return on our letters because people move and addresses have changed.

“If you’re a Survivor and you haven’t heard from us, let us know,” Graham said. “Go to your local Casualty Assistance Center and update your information. We want you to know that you’re still included in the Army Family.”

VOLUNTEERS

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May currently serves as the vice president of the Fort Stewart Cemetery Council and has been very instrumental in preservation efforts not only at Taylors Creek but all Fort Stewart cemeteries.

This was the first National Public Lands Day event that May and his wife have participated in.

“I am so happy to see this many people come out and do a project of this magnitude,” May said.

Lunch was served across the road from the Taylors Creek Cemetery, shaded beneath large cedar and oak trees.

“This was once the site of the General Store and post office,” recalled May.

Down the dirt road at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, descendants of Rev. Piner Martin, a local preacher and Pleasant Grove’s first pastor worked meticulously at preserving the aged stone.

One of the volunteers acknowledged that to restore the stone to its former glory would be to devalue the stones history.

In a parking area adjacent to the cemetery, under overgrown shade

trees, Leland Frazier recalled that a small framed house and church also used as a school, once set in that spot and commented on it.

“We should do this more regularly,” he said.

The day culminated with the “Taylors Creek Interpretive Marker Dedication” at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, which coincided with the Pleasant Grove A.M.E. Church biannual ceremony, typically observed in November.

During the dedication, Patricia Martin Robertson, great-granddaugh-

ter of Rev. Piner Martin stated that there are five generations of the Martin Family living, so they will continue to maintain the cemetery and the Martin name for a long time.

National Public Lands Day, which began in 1994 is the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy.

Fort Stewart is proud to have hosted this event, which provided an excellent opportunity to recognize the history of the Taylors Creek and Pleasant Grove Cemeteries on Fort Stewart.

Education Matters

Directorate of Human Resources

College term dates announced

Enrollment is underway for both on-post and distance learning classes. Please contact the college directly for course schedules and enrollment information. Education counselors are available at Fort Stewart's Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center and Hunter Army Airfield Education Center.

Central Texas College – 767-2070 at Stewart, or 315-4090 at Hunter. Oct. 20 through Dec. 13.

Columbia College – 767-5336 at Stewart, or 352-8635 at Hunter. Oct. 20 through Dec. 13.

Embry Riddle – 767-3930 at Stewart, or 352-5252 at Hunter. Oct. 13 through Dec. 14.

Savannah Tech – 408-2430. Sept. 26 through Dec. 18.

Webster University – 767-5357 at Stewart, or 354-0033 at Hunter. Oct. 13 through Dec. 11.

One week, daytime courses available

Central Texas College is now offering one semester hour daytime college classes that you can complete in just five days! Classes meet for three hours and are available during the mornings or afternoons. Materials are included; you do not have to purchase textbooks. This is a great opportunity to earn elective credits for general studies, computers and management degrees.

The next courses begin Oct. 14 with Historical Principles at 9 a.m. and Spreadsheet Applications and Effective Military Writing I meeting at 1 p.m. Additional management courses will run throughout the month at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, building 100 and Hunter Army Airfield. On Tuesday, Hunter Army Education Center will offer Historical Principles of War at 9 a.m. and Improve Work Performance at 1 p.m.

Active duty Soldiers using tuition assistance must meet with an education counselor for a course override. For a list of upcoming courses, go to your education center or call 767-2070 at Stewart or 459-5181 at Hunter.

Tuition allowance made available

All active duty members have \$4,500 per fiscal year available for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits offered by the Veterans Administration. Details on this and other programs and education opportunities are covered at 1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, during a one-hour briefing at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, room 223. For information, call 767-8331 at Stewart or 315-6130 at Hunter.

Savannah Tech information sessions held

Savannah Technical College is offering weekly information sessions to explain their college, certificate, diploma programs and the HOPE/PELL grants. The college representatives will highlight a different program of study every other Tuesday, 2 p.m. in room 206, building 100, Fort Stewart.

While the majority of courses are held at the Liberty Campus on Airport Road, many classes are conducted at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. Some computer and general education courses are offered on-line. For more information, go to www.savannahtech.edu and www.gsfc.org or call 408-2430 at Stewart. You may also contact Savannah Tech in Hinesville at 408-3024 or in Savannah at 443-5700.

New e-mail provided for counselor support

Need to reach an Army education counselor? Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield education centers offer a one-stop email address to help. Just contact them via e-mail at stewcounselor@conus.army.mil.

VA announces online claims applications

Effective immediately, Veteran Affairs will now process applications received through its online application Web site without the claimant's signature. The

electronic application will be sufficient authentication of the claimant's application for benefits. VONAPP, www.va.gov/onlineapps.htm is a Web-based system that benefits both internal and external users. Veterans, active duty, survivors and other claimants seeking compensation, pension, education, or vocational rehabilitation benefits can apply electronically without the constraints of location, postage cost, and time delays in mail delivery. For more information about VA benefits and GI Bill updates, go to VA's Web site at www.va.gov or call their toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000.

Take GED enrichment courses

General Educational Development diploma and adult education classes are offered in partnership with the Savannah Technical College Adult Education Program-Liberty County and the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. The courses prepare you to take the GED exam or refresh your skills. The courses are free of charge. Courses are on a space available basis and the class schedule is subject to change quarterly. The choices for this quarter are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday; 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday; or 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday. For detailed instructions, call 368-7322 or e-mail ccoleman@savannahtech.edu.

Free, discounted courses available

Columbia College Spouse's Opportunity Scholarship provides spouses of military personnel a tuition waiver for the initial classroom "in seat" course at both the Stewart and Hunter education center sites. It is not necessary for the active duty member to be a Columbia College student. In addition, Columbia offers a 20 percent tuition discount for "in-seat" classes only to spouses of active duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel. For more information on this and other spouse opportunities Columbia College provides, visit www.ccis.edu/military/spouses.asp. Then arrange to meet with an academic advisor by calling 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter.

College classes for Warriors offered

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield education centers are supporting Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being presented by Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Additional types of courses may be added in future terms as long as interest prevails. To enroll, Warriors must sign up through the GoArmyEd portal online.

Additional enrollment steps are required for ERAU. Soldiers attached to Fort Stewart's Warrior Transition Unit will be temporarily served at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. For more information, call 767-8331. Soldiers stationed at Hunter can contact Fay Ward at the Education Center, building 1290 or call 315-6130. Their hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also contact the counselors in building 100 at Stewart, 767-8331 for assistance.

Green-to-Gold briefing slated

The Green-to-Gold briefings are held at the installation education centers every month. On Stewart the briefings are 2 p.m., the first and third Thursday of each month. The Hunter briefings are 2 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday.

Take CLEP, DANTES exams

College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel.

CLEP tests are \$85 and DSSTs are \$90 for non-military examinees.

CES training made available

The Civilian Education System provides the Army Civilian Corps self-development and institutional training opportunities to develop leadership attributes through distance learning and resident training. If you are unfamiliar with CES, this link will take you to Army Management Staff College site for CES, or learn more, visit online at www.amscl.belvoir.army.mil/ces.

Apply for the HOPE Grant

The Georgia HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial needs to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family Member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible.

If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the education center to speak with a counselor, or visit online at www.gsfc.org.

Spouse scholarship slated

Central Texas College will provide free tuition for up to 30 semester hours in one year, for spouses of Purple Heart recipients. Scholarship applications are being accepted now. To verify eligibility, qualifying spouses must present a copy of the military member's Department of Defense Form 214 or orders reflecting the award of a Purple Heart since September 2001, marriage license, Department of Defense identification card or other type of photo ID. The scholarship covers in or out-of-state tuition and mandatory fees.

More information is available on the CTC Web site at www.ctcd.edu/militaryspouses. The scholarship application will be available online and at all CTC locations; Fort Stewart, 876-4045 or Hunter, 315-4095. In addition to tuition scholarships, CTC's textbook partner, MBS Direct will offer free books to qualifying spouses.

ERAU office location change

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Assistant Director of Academic Support, Kenyetta Northcutt has a new office location, room 144 in the Sgt 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center, building 100. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday.

Embry Riddle is not just aviation. Northcutt can meet with you to discuss all their programs, particularly concentrations in management, logistics and occupational safety and health. For more information click www.erau.edu/savannah or call 767-0339. You may also contact Jennifer Furlong at Hunter, 355-0644.

STT briefings slated

The Georgia Troops-to-Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified servicemembers of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouse-to-Teachers Program, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600. The meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m., Oct. 22, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. For more information, visit online at www.tttga.net and www.sttga.net or call 1-800-745-0709.

Evening Teaching Seminars Scheduled

Program information sessions geared toward Georgia Troops to Teachers Program candidates are being offered by Armstrong Atlantic State University. The Liberty Center Director of Teacher Education Programs will conduct Georgia teacher certification seminars focusing on the AASU Master of Arts in Teaching program. For more information, call 877-1910.



Looking for employment?

Opportunities for permanent employment are available in non-appropriated funds - Morale, Welfare, and Recreation jobs at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The following are positions with frequent vacancies. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Child and Youth Program Assistant (entry skill, and target levels), \$10.39 to \$12.73 per hour
Recreation Aid - \$5.85 - \$7 per hour
Operations Assistant - \$5.85 to \$8 per hour
Cook - \$8.70 per hour
Hotel Desk Clerk - \$7 to \$7.50 per hour
Cashier - \$8 per hour
Custodial Worker - \$7.72 per hour
Waiter/Waitress (Trainee) - \$7.17 to \$8.17 per hour
Food Service Worker - \$7.17 per hour
Bartender - \$8.70 per hour
Laborer - \$7.72 per hour

To search for these positions, go to cpol.army.mil; click on Employment; click on Search for Jobs at the bottom of the page under Search-Announcement, type in SCNAFDW% then click on "Get Announcement" or hit the enter key.

Did you know?

• You don't have to be a US Citizen to be employed by

non-appropriated funds.

- Spouse eligibility placement can be used multiple times for employment in "flexible" status positions.
- You do not lose eligibility until you are placed in a regular full or part-time position, NAF, or appropriated funds.
- There is a hiring preference in NAF for Involuntarily Separated Military Members and their eligible Family Members.
- Current NAF employees who have worked one continuous year in a position without time limits are eligible to be considered for Civil Service (Government Service or Wage Grade) jobs the same as APF employees who transfer to Army (under the Department of Defense/Office of Professional Management interchange agreement).
- Youth at least 16 years of age can be employed year round in certain NAF positions where conditions and duties meet all criteria of Federal and State of Georgia Child Labor Laws.
- NAF offers a Management Trainee Program that is targeted to annually hire 20 recent college graduates who have bachelor's degrees in certain MWR specialties.
- Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and will be used to fill Management Trainee Program vacancies as necessary. Go to www.armymwr.biz and click on Programs for more information.
- Eligible employees who move

between DOD NAF positions and APF positions in any agency can "port" certain benefits such as retirement, leave, service credit, etc.

Need job counseling, resume assistance?

Contact Army Community Services and ask for the employment readiness program manager at 767-5058. For further information on employment opportunities, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Job Information Center at 767-5051.

Vendors Needed!



Applications are being accepted for vendors interested in participating in the OSC Holiday Bazaar. Anyone interested in being a vendor is asked to contact Laura Rittenhouse at 912-445-0186 or fsoscholidaybazaar@yahoo.com. Deadline for accepting applications is Oct. 15.

The Bazaar will be held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at Club Stewart. It is open to the public and a small admission fee will be charged.

This Week on Marne Television

Midnight	3 Around Rock	2:30 p.m.	Army Community Covenant
	Army Community Covenant	3 p.m.	Battleground
12:30 a.m.	Motorcycle Safety		The American Veteran (Monday)
1 a.m.	Marne Vet Pets	3:30 p.m.	Community Events
1:30 a.m.	Community Events	4:30 p.m.	Jake's Body Shop
6 a.m.	Motorcycle Safety	5 p.m.	Community Events
	3 Around Rock	5:30 p.m.	Marne Report
6:30 a.m.	Community Events (Sunday)	6 p.m.	Jake's Body Shop
	Fit for Duty (Monday - Saturday)	6:30 p.m.	Grill Sergeant (Tuesday)
7 a.m.	Jake's Body Shop		Community Events
7:30 a.m.	Marne Vet Pets	7:30 p.m.	Marne Vet Pets
8 a.m.	Marne Report	8 p.m.	Army Community Covenant
8:30 a.m.	Army Community Covenant	8:30 p.m.	Community Events
	Community Events		Marne Chat (Monday, Wednesday)
9 a.m.	Motorcycle Safety	9 p.m.	Marne Report
9:30 a.m.	Community Events (Sunday, Monday)	9:30 p.m.	Community Events
	Education Matters (Tuesday)		The American Veteran (Monday)
10 a.m.	Marne Chat (Wednesday)	10 p.m.	Ed Matters (Tuesday, Thursday)
	Community Events	10:30 p.m.	3 Around Rock
11 a.m.	Jake's Body Shop	11 p.m.	Community Events
11:30 a.m.	3 Around Rock		Marne Report
	Marne Vet Pets		
Noon	Marne Report		Stay tuned to Marne Television
12:30 p.m.	Community Events		• Channel 7 at Hunter Army Airfield
			• Channel 16 at Fort Stewart

More Briefs

Flicks and sundaes offered

Looking for some Family fun? Check out Flicks & Sundaes, scheduled for 7 p.m., Oct. 17 at the Holbrook Pond picnic pavilion. Bring a blanket and your Family, and settle in with a sundae while you watch the movie. It's just \$5 a person. More information: 767-4316.

Shoes are free with flashiness

Feel like wearing something bright and

showy? It could pay off at Stewart Lanes from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Oct. 17. The deal: wear that favorite gaudy outfit when you bowl and get your shoes rental free. More information, call 767-4273.

Evening Hike at Stewart

Join an experienced staff beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 20 as the woods come to life for an evening hike starting at the Holbrook Pond

Recreation Area screened pavilion and strolling throughout the immediate area.

It's a great opportunity for bird-watching and learning more about the Goshen Swamp and Wetlands. There is no charge.

To sign up, call 767-4316. First 25 four-per-son teams only. Participation open to all players.

For more information, call 315-9115 or email tommie.mcarthur@us.army.mil.

“New” Newman Fitness Center serves Stewart Community

Bob Mathews
MWR Marketing

The last-minute, finishing touches of an extensive Newman Fitness Center renovation and expansion project have been completed, and the now better-than-ever facility is bustling with patrons and programs.

And the patrons' verdict is in. They like the changes – a lot.

The additions and changes involved a number of areas, among them the swimming pool, the cardio room, an additional weight room, an aerobics room, an expanded child care area and a new, colorful interior design.

The work, including a recently awarded drainage project in the expanded Newman parking area, cost a total of \$2.8 million, according to Thomas V. Maulden, acting director of the Directorate of Public Works.

All of it, said Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Director Jake Battle was done because the Army is trying to provide the best possible facility and equipment for the Soldiers. “We consider our Soldiers to be heroes. They're the best Soldiers in the Army,” he said.

Battle said Newman, built in 1987, has always been a busy facility, and space was needed to accommodate a growing military population. He said 21,000-23,000 Soldiers, Family Members, retirees and permitted guests use Newman each month. The facility also serves as a location for ceremonies and events requiring

room for large crowds.

Newman patrons are quick to praise the work that was done.

The juice bar, called The Smooth Operator, the Family friendly atmosphere and accommodations impressed Spc. Vanessa Victor. “After coming back from Iraq, it was a welcome surprise. It's very nice,” she said. The Warrior Transition Battalion Soldier was at Newman for physical training, enjoying a little racquetball.

Michelle Rodriguez, manager of the popular Smooth Operator, said she and her staff enjoy serving the Soldiers and their Family Members. “I think this is one thing we can do for the Soldiers that they enjoy and they love. They're a great bunch.”

The arrangement of the workout areas won praise from Sgt 1st Class Jeff Haiungs, who has been using the facility for three years and is there for two hours, five days a week.

“I like that they made the cardio room just cardio instead of having weights in there, and separating the two weight rooms, where they have free weights on one side and then the (selectorized) system on the other side. Haiungs uses the cardio room and both weight rooms in his daily exercise regimen.

Maj. Marc Bouthe, Belgian exchange officer serving as Deputy S3 for 1st Brigade, and his wife, Kristien, worked out for about 30 minutes in the cardio room. “We have a commitment to do PT as a couple once a week,” he said, and they love to use Newman's facilities to keep that

commitment.

“This is great to do as a Family,” Bouthe said. “You can always find two machines, side by side. Back home, we don't have such a facility on base, so this is an opportunity for us.”

Kristien Bouthe said they also love the Newman pool, and use it often. She appreciates the extensive choice of physical activities available at Newman and the fact that it is without cost. “We don't go to the gym in Belgium because it's expensive, and you don't know if you will be able to use it over time,” she said.

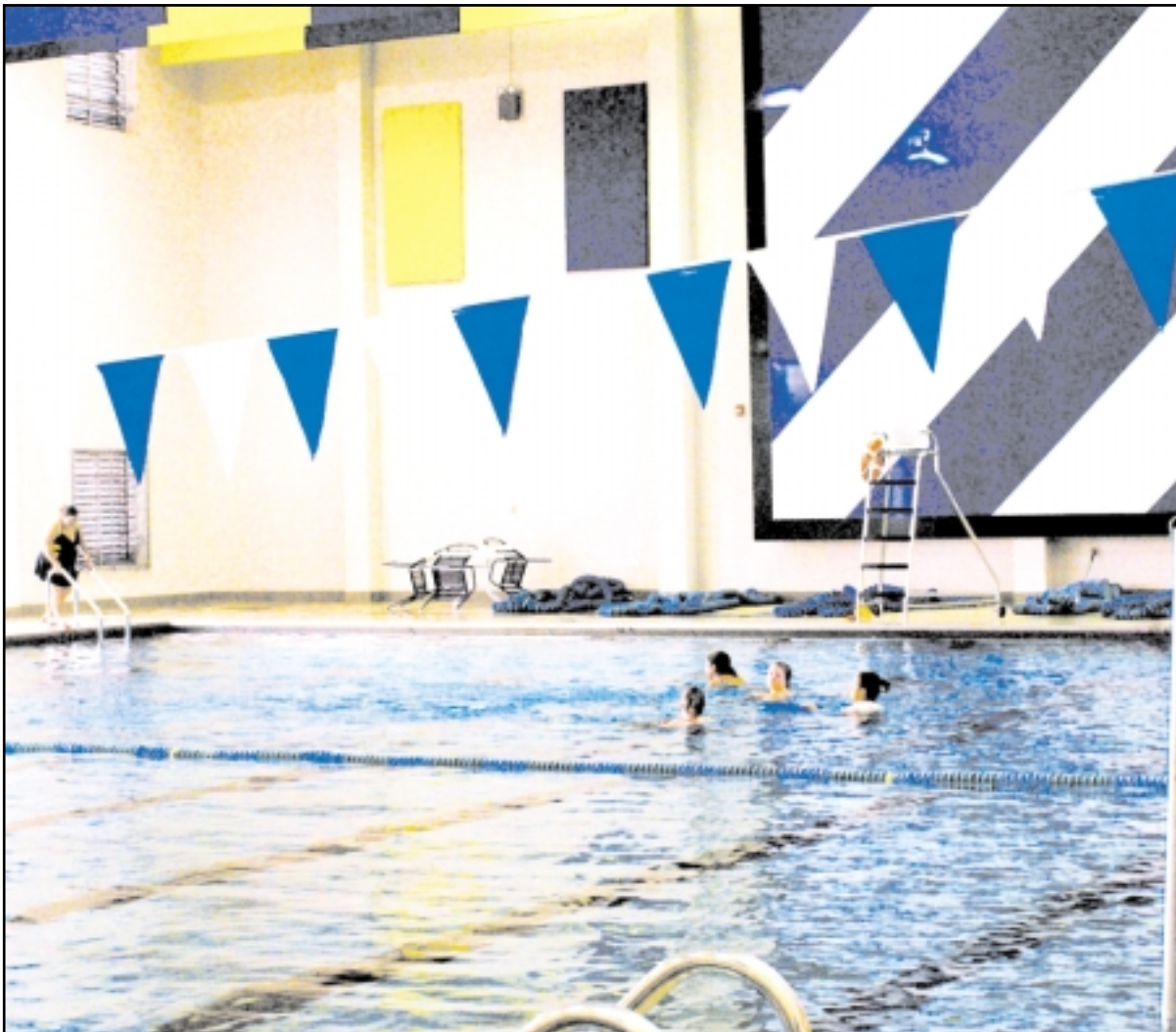
Battle said, “I get a lot of positive feedback about the improvements, and I would say the changes are attracting a lot of usage. By making these changes, we have increased our usage by 24 to 30 percent. But even prior to the upgrades, the usage here was extremely high because of what we were already offering.

The Fitness Director said Newman offers Soldiers an opportunity to take their PT program to another level.

The end result is they will be able to go out and perform better on their PT tests, he said, and it will make them more able and fit Warriors.

Battle sees offering a top-rate facility as “an opportunity to serve.

“When you think about what these guys and gals put on the line day in and day out in combat, the mindset has to be that there's nothing we can do that would be too good for our Soldiers,” Battle said.



Left: Newman's indoor pool now has noise reduction padding, handicap access, and a fresh coat of paint.

Below: Smooth Operator staff assist Soldiers and Families who stop in for a refreshment. The juice bar offers a variety of health oriented snacks and beverages.



Below: A customer uses the LifeFitness weight machine in Newman's new weight room.



With the addition of cardio and weight rooms, the main sports floor allows space for more activities like basketball.



Photos by Bob Mathews

Above: Newman Fitness Center has completed renovations, adding more than 6,000 square feet of additional space.

Left: Part of Newman's renovation includes a cardio workout room with about 3,000 square feet of space.

Right: New tiling and paint help open up the customer assistance booth at Newman Fitness Center.

Below Left: Belgium Exchange Officer Maj. Marc Bouthe and his wife Kristien take time to work out in Newman's Cardio room.

Bottom Right: Newman Aerobics Instructor Irma Wright leads her class in the recently renovated 3,000 square foot aerobics room.

Leaders express pleasure with facility upgrades at Newman

Bob Mathews
MWR Marketing

Military and civilian leaders worked hand-in-hand to bring the Newman Fitness Center up to its present, state-of-the-art level of facilities and service. Here are comments from some of those involved:

Linda Heifferon, Director, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, states that “This command is committed to providing Soldiers and Families with Quality of Life Programs that support readiness and Family cohesion. The Newman refurbishment is one of many well-being projects that contributed to the 3rd ID meeting its reenlistment quota in the first five months of the reenlistment cycle.”

Larry Cutchens, Chief of Recreation for MWR: “Soldiers and Families see the many changes that have been completed at Newman Fitness Center, and it really drives home the message conveyed in the

Army Family Covenant that Soldiers and Families are provided a Quality of Life that is commensurate with their service.

“The goal of the project was to offer the Fort Stewart community a state-of-the-art facility with top-of-the-line equipment and amenities. The facility's mission is to support unit and individual fitness for readiness, water survival techniques for military personnel, general water safety training and improve the overall quality of life for the Soldiers and Families. With these renovations, we now expand classes and take care of more patrons at one time.

“This facility is the best that money can buy for our great Soldiers and Families.”

Thomas V. Maulden, Acting Director of the Directorate of Public Works: “I am quite proud of this project. I believe we have provided our Soldiers and their Families an above world class fitness center that is unrivaled in the Army or the nation.”





Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills

Above: Sgt. Sanford Smith Horne (right) leads a group of visiting students from Tutt Middle School onto the flight line at Hunter Army Airfield to give them a tour of Chinook helicopters, Oct. 3.

Soldier gives father, students flight line tour

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Mills
CAB Public Affairs

Standing in front of a large group of middle-school students last Friday Sgt. Stanford Smith Horne, Jr., was not in his element.

“It was the first time I ever spoke in front of a group,” said the combat veteran and Chinook crewmember with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. “I was a bit nervous.”

But in this case, Horne felt the effort was worth a little discomfort. The kids were visiting the Hunter Army Airfield flight line from Tutt Middle School, Augusta, Ga., and they were being led by Stanford Smith Horne, Sr., Sgt. Horne’s father.

The senior Horne, a math teacher at Tutt Middle School, had brought the group of kids to a 4-H function on Tybee Island during the week.

“He had some time to kill,” said Sgt. Horne, “so he called me up to see if he could get the kids out here to see the helicopters.”

Horne talked to his unit’s chain of command and got the go ahead to give the kids a tour. When the children arrived, Horne gave them a quick overview of the Chinook’s capabilities and they were then broken up into smaller groups and led by Co. B crew chiefs and pilots to the aircraft on the flight line.

From there, the kids learned about the various parts and pieces, and abilities of the Chinook helicopters. Many of these kids, Horne said had never had the opportunity to do something like this.

“I think it’s really cool,” said Elana Wilson, a Tutt Middle School student.

“Getting to go in the helicopters and seeing how they work is cool.”

Another Tutt Middle School student, Keeyon Scott was equally impressed. While the kids were learning about the Chinooks, other helicopters were cranking up, taxiing and taking off at the airfield. He said his favorite part of the visit was looking up close at the aircraft and watching the others take off.

To Horne, creating that spark in the kids’ imaginations is what it’s all about.

“It gives you a good feeling that maybe you can give them something positive, something to look forward to,” said Horne. “They don’t get the chance to do stuff like this all the time.”

This was the first time a group of kids from his father’s school had visited him at his work, but Horne, born and raised in Augusta, had gone to his father’s class and talked to the students before.

This was also the first time Horne had gotten to see first hand where his son works. Sgt. Horne’s grandfather was an airborne officer in the Army and Horne said the retired Lt. Col. would have been very proud of the young noncommissioned officer.

“It’s great to come out here and see this,” Horne said. “That’s what’s amazing to me, him being this brave to do something like this.”

To ask Sgt. Horne though, a Soldier who has been on countless combat missions, from air assault missions to cargo transport, the bravest thing he’s ever done is speak in front of the kids at the beginning of the tour. The connection with his father was a very nice fringe benefit.

“It made me feel proud of myself,” he said. “To show him that I actually made something of myself. To give him something to be proud of in his son.”



Sgt. Stanford Smith Horne (center) explains the workings of the Chinook helicopter’s cargo hook system to visiting kids from Tutt Middle School, Oct. 3 at Hunter Army Airfield.

Soldiers share experience with students

Spc. Monica K. Smith
CAB Public Affairs

The experienced crew chief raises his voice to be heard over the chatter of the students flowing into the auditorium for the Military Career Day at the Beaufort-Jasper County Academy for Career

Excellence.

With 19 years in the Army and 13 of those years as a crew chief, Staff Sgt. Vernon McNabb, a crew chief and standardization instructor with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, easily speaks about his job with familiarity and knowledge.



Spc. Monica K. Smith

Staff Sgt. Vernon McNabb, a crew chief and standardization instructor with HHC, 4th Bn., 3rd Avn. Regt., demonstrates the abilities of night vision goggles to students during Military Career Day at the Beaufort-Jasper County Academy for Career Excellence, Oct. 2.

“I go in and tell kids why I like doing what I do,” said McNabb. “I take all my gear there and tell them how cool aviation is,” McNabb said with a laugh. “It’s super easy because it’s what my job requires me to do - talk to people. I give classes anywhere from a group of five to 50 people.”

Today McNabb speaks to students, grades 9-12, informing them about what he considers non-traditional Army jobs.

“There are so many jobs that aren’t highlighted in the military as opposed to the ones you see in commercials all the time,” said McNabb. “Like being a pilot as opposed to being a crew chief. There are so many jobs in the Army now that they don’t make commercials for, or they aren’t in the spotlight, so this is how we get the word out to the civilians.”

Along with McNabb, the Combat Aviation Brigade sent Sgt. Tyshone Overton and Sgt. Cedric Dupins, both transportation operators and members of Company A, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion.

These two Soldiers brought with them a truck that is able to load pallets onto itself, called a “palletized loading system.”

“We went for a kind of show and talked to the high school students and give them a better view of the Army and some of our equipment,” said Dupins from Cairo, Ga. “It’s important because they can actually hear from a person that is in the Army, that’s been deployed, instead of listening to what people say that are not in the Army or have never been deployed.”

That experience is what McNabb says he wants to share with students who may be interested in joining the Armed Forces.

“We want to show them that everything is not like they see in the movies where it’s all blood and guts and then afterward they all go have a beer at the local pub,” said McNabb. “It’s not all grits and gravy. It’s not all bad either. You have really good days and really bad days. But if at the end of the day you can put your bird away to fly another day, it was a good day in combat. That’s what we want them to know.”



Faces of the DES – James Stewart

Special to the Frontline

James J. Stewart, also known as Jason, joined the Directorate of Emergency Services in February 2008 as a Supply Technician. He became the DES Vehicle Fleet Manager in July.

Stewart hails from Ludowici, Ga., where he joined the U.S. Army in 1995 and served as an infantryman until 2003.

Stewart was stationed with the 3/7th Cavalry at Fort Stewart, Ga., 1/77th Armor at Schwienfurt, Germany, and 4/64th Armor at Fort Stewart.

Before coming into the military, Stewart attended the Georgia Youth Challenge Academy.

Stewart lives with his two children.



James Stewart

He has one girl who is very active in golf and softball and one boy who is very active in baseball and football.

James also coaches baseball and football teams. He likes to hunt, play golf, ride 4-wheelers and watch Ultimate Fighting Challenging matches on television. His favorite sport to watch is football, and he is an avid Georgia Bulldog fan.

The Administrative Support Branch may be reached Monday-Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thursday from 12-4 p.m. at 767-8495.

The Administrative Support Branch is closed on weekends and federal holidays.

Collecting
until Dec. 1

TRASH TO TREASURE
"Bicycle Recycling Drive"

If you would like to donate a bike that has suffered from neglect, gently used, or no longer desired - now is the time to make a difference and keep bikes out of the landfills!

Donated bikes will be recycled directly back into our community. Bike or bike parts having very little value as bicycles, will be stripped of all recycled parts and disposed of appropriately. For more information about the bicycle recycling drive, please contact DPW - Waste Management Section at 767-8880/6573.

Collection times: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday – Friday

Fort Stewart
Recycling Center
building 957, McFarland Ave.

Hunter Army Airfield
Recycling Center
building 726, Westley Ave.

Drunk driving: over the limit, under arrest

Special to the Frontline

Whether you or a loved one who has just returned from a long deployment far from home, or you're filling a vital role in a rear detachment or tenant activity, or if you've recently arrived from another installation, your safety and well-being are very important to the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Community.

The U.S. celebrates Columbus Day on Oct. 13 with many folks enjoying a 4-day weekend beginning on Oct. 10.

As you celebrate your long Columbus Day weekend, please know that the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Directorate of Emergency Services is committed to ending the tragedy of impaired driving and continues to partner with neighboring law enforcement agencies for an intensive crackdown on impaired drivers. Law enforcement officers will be out in abundance, on-post and off-post, actively seeking impaired drivers, and if you're over the limit, you'll be under arrest.

Impaired driving is not only unnecessarily risky behavior that conveys potentially deadly consequences, it can also result in a number of severe punitive actions.

In addition to automatic revocation of your on-post driving privileges for at least 12-months and the possibility of disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, being arrested for Driving Under the Influence in Georgia could also result in civilian

prosecution with the following penalties:

- A monetary fine of at least \$300.
- Jail time of up to 12-months.
- Community service of at least 20 hours.
- Completion of a State-approved DUI program at your expense.
- Suspension of Georgia driver's license for at least 120-days.

Additionally, always maintain awareness of other drivers and drive defensively, especially during the long weekend. Motorists are encouraged to safely report suspected impaired driving to Law Enforcement:

Off-post, contact the Georgia State Patrol by dialing *477. This free call connects you with the nearest GSP post to your location.

On-post, contact either the Fort Stewart Police Department at 767-4895 or the Hunter Army Airfield Police Department at 315-6133.

Let's all help make this Columbus Day weekend the safest ever on our roadways. Remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving. Think before you get behind the wheel and designate a sober driver, call a friend, call a cab, or call your unit, but Dont drink and drive!

Sean W. Strate,
*Director, Emergency Services
and Installation Provost Marshal*

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Ronald Phillips**, Co. A, 3/7 Inf. Bn, Fort Stewart, contact Cpt. Thomas Roth, HHC, 3/7 Inf. Bn, at 767-7777.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Darris Dawson**, Co. A, 3/7

Inf., 4th BCT, Fort Stewart, contact 1st Lt. Tegan Searle, 703D BSB Rear Detachment, 4th BCT, at 767-4876.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Melinda J. Marth**, Co. A WTB, Fort Stewart, contact 1st Lt. Brantley Lockhart, Co. A WTB, Fort Stewart, 980-8199.

DHR spotlights Lucia Braxton

Special to the Frontline

Serving as the Director of Human Resources senior analyst may sound like a very tedious job to some people - reviewing, planning, coordinating, implementing, and monitoring plans, policies, procedures; but for Lucia Braxton, it is an opportunity to help, with a personal touch.

She serves as an action officer to support quality and continuous improvement projects and programs. She is also responsible for managing the office's internal and external customer feedback initiatives and systems.

Her work puts her in contact with many community members in a variety of fields, but her earnest need to help others extended her assistance to the community through volunteerism. Her volunteer spirit earned her recognition as a youth counselor and trainer, rape crisis counselor, sensing session mediator, and coordinator for events like the Special Olympics.

She has formed speakers bureaus for youth organizations, and help create holiday gift baskets for senior citizens.

Many of Braxton's strengths were developed in her formative years.

She was born in Farmville, Va. and was the sixth child born to Lucile and Walter Wood. Her Family instilled a sense of dedication, hard work, and an ability to strive for excellence, no matter what the obstacles may be.

She graduated from Prince Edward County High School with honors in 1976, receiving a full scholarship to Virginia Commonwealth University to study physical therapy. She married her high school sweetheart, Lewis. They left Virginia when Lewis enlisted into the Army. As any Family Member

of a Soldier, it is conceivable that obtaining a bachelor's would be a lengthy process.

After entering three colleges along the way, Lucia received a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Leo's College at Fort Stewart, Ga., graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1982.

Approximately, three years later while stationed in Germany, she received her master's in counseling and psychology from Columbia Pacific University. By this time, she was blessed to have had three wonderful sons. She eventually received her initial swearing-in as a federal civil servant as a recreation Assistant, Government Service employee (GS-3).

During her seven year tenure in Germany, she worked at Army Community Service and as a Child Development Center Director.

After leaving Germany in July 1990, Lucia and Lewis returned to Fort Stewart. Unbeknownst to them, they had returned to the installation that would become a rapid deployment post which supplied the initial troops for Desert Storm, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. This was the first serious Family separation in which the Braxton's had engaged. It was a time for all those strong Family values and inner-strength to be reinforced.

A position as an outreach worker at Army Community Service became open. Lucia worked diligently in encouraging Families to remain stable and reach out to others for support. She remained at ACS for 17 years, eventually becoming the chief.

Every chance she gets, she encourages young Families to keep pushing on and not let anyone tell you, "You are not worthy to be blessed!" All three sons are now grown, and all three have finished college.

Lewis has been retired for 13 years.

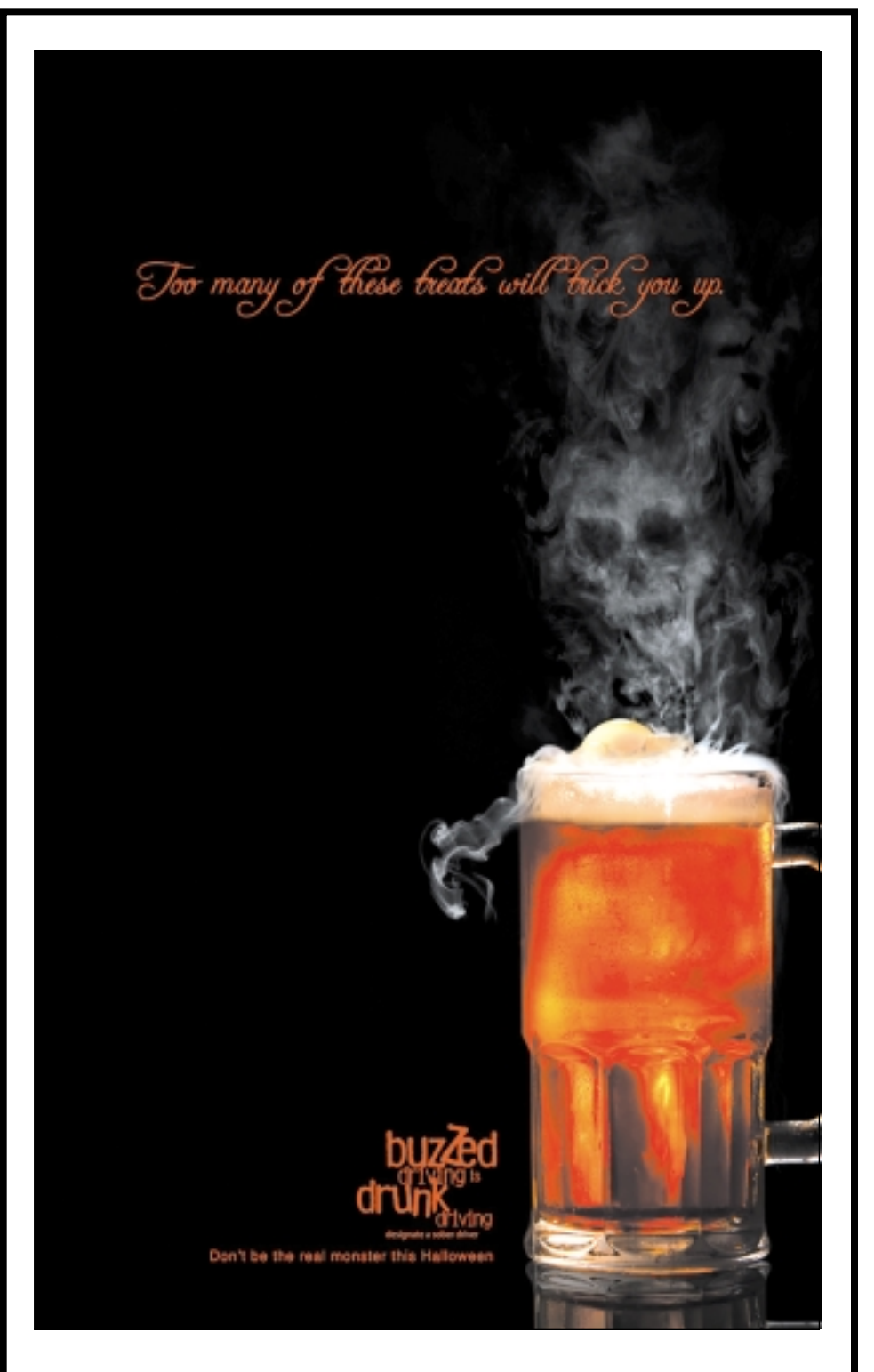
Lucia is presently a senior management analyst. They still reside in the same home where they raised their children.

Lucia is an inspiration to anyone

who crosses her path because she understands what has to be sacrificed to raise a successful Family, care for a spouse and make time for others in need.



Lucia Braxton



CMS: working for its installation customers

Special to the Frontline

Customer Management Services has been up and running at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield for just over two months now and is working hard for the customers.

The Interactive Customer Evaluation program, known as ICE, now falls under CMS and has recently expanded to hard copy ICE cards, in addition to the existing online submission. So far, more than 5,000 hard copy cards have been collected at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. This offers customers a second method of providing feedback aside from online submissions, which they can do at *ice.disa.mil*. It's all about reaching as many of the customers as possible to gain their feedback so CMS can ensure the customers' needs are met.

CMS recently conducted a focus group for Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers that surfaced some Installation specific as well as Army wide issues that wounded warriors face while serving our nation. Many thanks to all who participated! The delegates

spent all morning reviewing and developing issues. At the close of the focus group, the Garrison Commander, Col. Todd Buchs attended an out-brief of their top issues. He also talked to the Soldiers one-on-one about issues they face daily.

Coming up at the end of October, CMS will facilitate online assessments for services provided on post. The assessments will measure not only how well the service is being provided, but also how important the service is to the customers. This will allow leadership to identify service areas that need improvement to better serve the Soldiers, their Family Members, the civilian workforce and all who live, work or play on the installation. The assessments will be accessed by a Web link that will be sent out via email and will take only 20-30 minutes to complete.

If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, contact the customer service officer at 767-8781 or email *alana.olson@us.army.mil*. Remember, don't get hot...put it on ICE! Go to *ice.disa.mil*.

OCT. 20-24

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fort Stewart
Furniture Store Parking
Lot, (building 419)
&
Across the street from the
Hunter Fitness Center

WANTED!

ALL UNWANTED & USED ITEMS
Toys, shoes, bicycles, grills, clothing, appliances, etc.
You can also bring electronic waste like your old personal computer or hazardous waste like used oil, old paint, etc.

Keep Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Beautiful is working on increasing recycling awareness, as well as increased recycling opportunities to Balfour Beatty residents and all persons living or working on the Installation. The purpose of the Recycling Round Up is to stop unnecessary items from filling up our landfill and to help prevent illegal dumpsites.

For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact Dorothy McKinley 767-6573 or Ronald

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AAFES offers sweepstakes

Angela Crowell
AAFES Public Relations

Fort Stewart football fans looking to tackle big savings on snacks and drinks at the post exchange will have an exclusive shot at tickets to the 2008 Army/Navy game and possibly \$100,000, as the Army & Air Force Exchange Service and Dr. Pepper are teaming up to send one lucky winner and a guest to one of college football's most fantastic traditions.

Authorized exchange shoppers who take time out to save at the Fort Stewart/Hunter exchange from Sept. 26 to today can enter to win the trip for two to Philadelphia, PA, airfare, hotel, game tickets and access to all pre-game parties.

Because the prize is actually two-fold, it offers a unique opportunity for a Soldier to be a part of the excitement that is only found at the annual match up between West Point and

Annapolis, said the Fort Stewart/Hunter PX's manager Robert Pickering.

In addition to seeing one of the oldest college football rivalries in the nation, one lucky winner will also get a shot at scoring \$100,000 during half-time.

The day before the game, Dec. 5, the AAFES sweepstakes winner will compete against seven other military finalists in a preliminary competition to determine who will get a chance at throwing a football through a hole in a large inflatable Dr. Pepper Can for \$100,000 during half-time.

No purchase is necessary to enter the AAFES/Dr. Pepper Army/Navy Sweepstakes and the winner need not be present to win.

The Army/Navy Sweepstakes drawing will take place on or about Nov. 7. PX Shoppers to Get Off the Bench and Into the Game with Army/Navy Sweepstakes.

AAFES gives "A plus" rewards

Angela Crowell
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Fort Stewart/Hunter post exchange is moving Ft. Stewart/Hunter students who excel in the classroom to the head of the class with the Army & Air Force Exchange Services "You Made the Grade" program.

Now in its eighth year, the education rewards initiative recognizes students who maintain a "B" average or better with a booklet chock full of complimentary prizes for every qualifying report card.

AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for a variety of

free offers such as admission for two to the Woodruff Reel Time Theater, a Burger King Hamburger Kid's meal, a magazine of the student's choice and even a slice of Anthony's pizza along with a medium drink.

Each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations.

"You Made the Grade" is a great vehicle for recognizing military students who excel, oftentimes through adversities that the average student does

not face such as a deployed parent or frequent moves," said the Fort Stewart PX's manager Robert Pickering.

To receive the AAFES "You Made the Grade" booklet, students simply bring a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average to the PX in building 71.

Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year.

Military Families can contact the PX's main store manager Robert Pickering at 876-28520 for more information.



Fort Stewart Weekend Dining Facility



Oct. 10, 11, 12, 13 (Columbus Day Weekend)

•Marne Dining Facility – building 207

Oct. 18 – 19

•Spartan Dining Facility, building 3003

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•Provider Dining Facility, building 726

Weekend Serving Hours:

Brunch: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Supper: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Note: Warrior Transition Battalion Dining Facility, building 12902/02 is always open weekends

Dining facilities change hours

Third Infantry Division, installation dining facilities will change serving hours for Thursdays to support Sergeants' Time Training and adjust weekend serving hours to support brunch and supper meals. New serving hours will be effective Oct. 9 or as required upon re-opening of respective dining. The new DFAC hours on the effected days are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
Breakfast, 6:30 – 9 a.m.;
Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m.;

Thursday
Breakfast, 5:30 – 7 p.m.;
Lunch, noon to 1:30 p.m.;
Dinner, 4-5:30 p.m.;

Weekends & holidays change
Brunch, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
Supper, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

“Shoot ‘em up”

Spc. Riley Winters, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Lackey, Capt. Micah Hall, Lt. Col. Mark Solomon, and 1st Lt. Cynthia Peters race to their firing lanes during the command shootout competition, Sept. 24th.

(Inset) Pvt. 1st Class Anthony LeMay of the 6/8th Cav. takes aim during the final round of a shootout competition at COP Dolby.



Photos by Chief Petty Officer Frank Migliaccio

6/8 Cavalry holds “shoot out” competition

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COMBAT OUTPOST DOLBY – AL ADWANIYAH, Iraq. On a very dusty morning in the Al Adwaniyah section of Iraq, along the southern belt of Baghdad, the 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry engaged in a two hour shootout. Okay, it wasn't THAT kind of shootout. The staff and the command mobility detachment faced off in a marksmanship contest to commemorate the unit's 100th day left on deployment.

The competition was a two-heat contest, combining physical fitness and marksmanship skills. Each heat consisted of six Soldiers, three from each team, running a distance of 100 meters wearing individual body armor and kevlar to firing lanes. After the command sergeant major started each group, the shooters had 75 seconds to run to their position and fire at a standard ten silhouette marksmanship sheet with a ten round magazine. The first heat was shot from the prone supported position and the second heat from the prone unsupported position.

The idea for the shootout came from the squadron executive officer, Maj. Robert Kaderavek, known throughout the squadron simply as “Major K.” “It was a dual-pronged event designed to foster esprit-de-corps within the battalion and practice some of our combat skills. I feel we accomplished both of those goals today. Soldiers like to compete.”

The 6/8 Cavalry is a reconnaissance cavalry squadron serving with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, under Multi National Division – Central. They are responsible for an area southeast of Forward Operating Base Falcon and stationed over three

bases: Combat Outpost Dolby, Combat Outpost Murray, and Patrol Base Stone. While initially facing stiff resistance in their area of operations, the 6/8 has enjoyed several months of peaceful security in a formerly rough section of Iraq. Working very closely with the local sheiks, encouraging the local populace toward self-governance, and employing proven counterinsurgency techniques has successfully led to an area where the greatest recent danger patrols face is being overrun by friendly local children looking for candy.

Posters throughout COP Dolby announced the contest a week in advance. “Who do you want to take the shot when it counts?” reads the one inside the dining facility. With morning temperatures quickly approaching 100 degrees, the teams gathered. Before the shootout had begun, friendly trash talk was heard from both sides. Maj. K, leading the staff team, kicked it off, “LeMay, I thought you would still be under your bed cowering this morning.”

“Sir, this COP just isn't big enough for the both of us,” responded an unperturbed Pvt. 1st Class Anthony Lemay, 20, from Tacoma, Wash.

Spc. E. Mallary McHenry Jr. began the event with a poem he had written the day prior. Titled *Fundamentals of Marksmanship*, the poem was a caution. “I don't know how it came out that way. With us so close to going home but not close enough, I wanted it to be a reflection of keeping our bearings right now. We'll be home in a little bit, but now is not the time to get complacent.”

McHenry, who has been the unofficial writer for the squadron since its arrival in Iraq, completely captured the moment:

“...We are but faceless
Covered Kevlars
With pockets of 5.56 mm

And candy...”

With Metallica playing from some nearby speakers, the competition started. Command Sgt. Maj. Tydious McCray explained the contest rules and presided as the overall competition judge.

Running orders were assigned and with a loud, “Ready, SET, GO!” the action commenced; troops hustling down the course to gain precious set up time and choice of firing lane. LeMay let his shooting back up his earlier “trash talking,” hitting a perfect 20 out of 20. As a dust storm began rolling into the area, Soldiers crowded the sergeant major, eager for the team result. It was close with the command mobility detachment edging out the staff as the base's top shooters.

LeMay then went on to compete head to head with Capt. David Richards, the top shooter from the staff team as both had shot a perfect 20 out of 20 in the team event.

Both Soldiers squared off with a ten-round magazine, standing at double the distance of the original shoot. A minute later, the contest was decided. The smoke cleared and LeMay was victorious, hitting four more targets than Richards.

“I knew it was going to be tough but there was no way I was going to lose to the Staff,” said a very confident LeMay. For his victory, LeMay was given a battalion red hat with “Top Gun” embroidered on the side in gold letters, and award presented later, bragging rights for the remainder of the deployment, and one other thing he greatly appreciated. “My (supervisor) took my tower guard watch for me later today because I won.”

Editor's note: Chief Petty Officer Migliaccio, USN, is currently serving as an Electronic Warfare Officer with the 6-8 Cavalry.